

Application Serial No.: 09/928,437  
Reply to Office Action dated October 6, 2004

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10, 13-18, 20, and 21 are presently active in this case. Claims 9, 11, 12, 19, and 22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer from the present application.

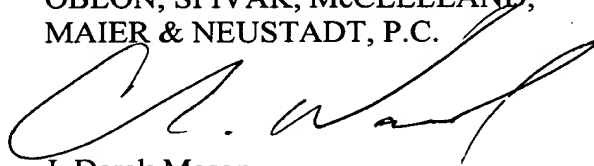
The cancellation of Claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer renders all of the outstanding rejections moot.

All of the pending claims, namely Claims 1-8, 10, 13-18, 20, and 21, have been indicated as being allowed.

Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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